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Local Matters.

New City Government.

Newport's new city government for 1910 will be inaugurated with the customary ceremony on Monday next, and before the council adjourns that night the interesting problem as to who shall fill the city offices for the next year will be settled. The time of final adjournment is an unknown quantity—sometimes it has been nearly three o'clock in the morning, and seldom has the council completed the business of its first session before midnight.

The representative council will meet in the council chamber at noon on Monday and will be called to order by City Clerk Fullerton. After the new members are sworn in the body will organize by the election of Robert S. Burlingame as president and Francis N. Fullerton as city clerk. Mayor Boyle will then be sworn into office by City Clerk Fullerton and he will then administer the oath to the members of the board of aldermen. After the reading of the inaugural address by Mayor Boyle the council will probably adjourn until afternoon in order to clear up the routine matters preliminary to the evening session for the election of city officers. There are a number of important matters to come before the council at that time, including the report of the committee of ten on proposed changes in the city charter. The resolution fixing the salaries of the various city officers and the routine resolutions for the various departments will also be in order at that time.

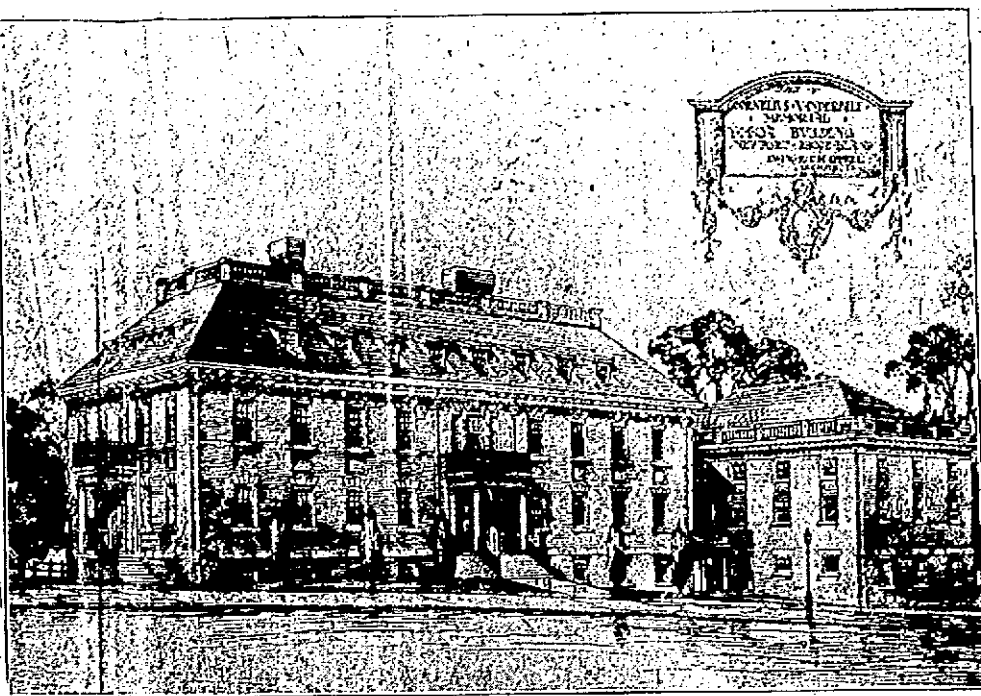
It has been the practice of the last few years to get the routine matters cleared up before the evening session in order to give that time to the election of city officers. There are many offices to be filled and there are two candidates for nearly every one while in most cases there are more. So far as is now known there will be no opposition to the re-election of Chairman Burlingame, City Clerk Fullerton and City Treasurer John M. Taylor. For street commissioner the race is always a fight and it is probable that there will be at least two candidates in the field this year. For assessors of taxes the term of Edward L. Spencer expires this year and there are several aspirants for the position. For collector of taxes the present incumbent, Edward W. Higbee, is again a candidate and will be opposed by William E. Mumford, provided that the recommendation to merge the office with that of the city treasurer is not carried.

There are at least two candidates for the office of judge of probate, and also for city solicitor, the former office being now filled by Judge Burke, and the latter by Max Levy. No opposition has as yet developed to the re-election of Duncan A. Hazard as clerk of probate. There is always a lively contest for the position on the board of license commissioners. The term of Arthur B. Commerford expires this year, and he will be a candidate for re-election, while Frank J. Hughes is one of the leading candidates against him, and there will probably be others.

There are many minor offices to be filled, and generally these are just as warmly contested as are the higher salaried ones, so there is no prospect of a short session.

The police have arrested Private Charles Boyle of Fort Greble and he has admitted that he broke into Hall & Lyon's store on December 10, and stole toilet articles of an estimated value of about \$75.

There was a box alarm Thursday forenoon for a slight fire in a house on Sheffield avenue, caused by thawing out steam pipes. A few dollars will cover the damage.



VANDERBILT MEMORIAL BUILDING OF THE Y. M. C. A., WHERE DEDICATORY SERVICES ARE NOW BEING HELD

Y. M. C. A. Dedication.

The three-day programme of exercises incident to the dedication and opening of the new Vanderbilt Memorial building of the Young Men's Christian Association began on Friday afternoon and will last until Sunday night. This splendid building, well adapted to every need of the local association, will then be in full commission, and the members will have a home excelled by few in the size of Newport.

The programme was scheduled to begin at 7:30 o'clock on Friday evening, and in view of the large number of persons expected and the limited seating capacity of the assembly hall, it was decided that admission should be by ticket only. The principal speaker of the evening was Rev. William H. P. Faunce, D. D., LL. D., president of Brown University. Mr. Thomas P. Peckham, president of the Newport Y. M. C. A., formally accepted the building from the donor, and expressed the grateful appreciation of the association for the magnificent gift. Mr. Harry A. Titus presided and Rev. Dr. Porter delivered the invocation and benediction. Mr. John P. Sanborn also spoke. There was vocal and instrumental music.

A rather busy programme has been arranged for to-day, New Year's Day. In the morning, at 11 o'clock, the directors, committeemen and others will have a private conference and inspection of the building. The public reception and inspection will be in the afternoon and evening from 2 to 10 p. m., to which all adults, and members of the local department if accompanied by their parents, are invited. From 3 to 4 p. m., and from 7:30 to 8:30 p. m., the officers and their wives will hold an informal reception in the men's lobby.

There will be a boys' gymnastic exhibition at 4:30, a boys' swimming exhibition at 5:30, a basketball game at 8:30, and a swimming exhibition at 9:00 in the evening. From 8:30 to 9:30 there will be a musical recital in the Association Hall under the direction of Mr. Henry Stuart Hendy. Refreshments will be served by the Women's Auxiliary from 4 to 8, and from 7:30 to 9.

Sunday will be another busy day for officers and members of the Association. In the morning there will be addresses in the various churches by prominent association workers, and in the afternoon at 3:30 there will be a public meeting for men in Association hall, at which ex-Governor George H. Utter will be the principal speaker. At 5 o'clock Mr. E. M. Robinson, international secretary for boys' work, will deliver the address at a conference of older boys and workers with boys.

At 7:30 p. m., there will be a public mass meeting in the United Congregational Church, at which addresses will be delivered by Dr. L. L. Duggett, president of the Y. M. C. A. Training School of Springfield, Mass.; Mr. E. M. Robinson, and ex-Governor Utter.

Mr. Dumont Clarke, who died in New York last Sunday, was a native of Newport and for a short time was the cashier of the National Bank of Rhode Island of this city, which had been conducted by his father for many years. Since 1853 he had been connected with the American Exchange National Bank of New York, starting as check clerk and rising rapidly, having been president since 1904. He was also president of the New York Clearing House, and was a director of a large number of financial corporations. The remains were brought to this city for interment.

Ice collecting ought to be in order very soon.

Recent Deaths.

George Nason.

Mr. George Nason died at his home on Mill street early Friday morning, after a long illness from hardening of the arteries. He had been steadily sinking for some time.

Mr. Nason was a son of the late John E. Nason and was born in this city about seventy years ago. He was for many years engaged in business as a cabinet maker and upholsterer, but of late years had joined with his wife in conducting the Nason Cottage, a well known boarding place on Mill street. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church, of which he had been a deacon for 43 years. He had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, both in Newport and outside the city, and was highly respected. He was formerly a successful and popular vocalist and was a member of a number of musical organizations.

Mr. Nason is survived by a widow, daughter of the late Abram H. Tilley; also one son, Mr. Charles L. Nason, of New York, and one daughter, Mrs. Merrill, of Braintree, Mass. Mr. Nason was a brother of Mr. John L. Nason and Miss Henrietta Nason, of this city, and of Mr. Samuel Nason, of New York; also of the late Thomas Nason and Mrs. Phebe Easton.

Dr. Walter Mott.

Dr. Walter Mott, of New Rochelle, N. Y., formerly of this city, died at the Hahnemann Hospital in New York on Christmas night, after an illness of about seven weeks. Funeral services were held at his residence in New Rochelle on Wednesday.

Dr. Mott practiced medicine in this city for a number of years, and later removed to Boston where he continued his practice. He later went into the real estate business in Troy, N. Y., retiring a few years ago, when he went to New York to live. He married Henrietta Easton Munro, daughter of the late George Clinton Munro, of Newport, and sister of Mrs. David Stevens and Mrs. A. B. Corbin, who survives him. He also leaves one daughter, Anna Munro, wife of Otto A. Huppel of New Rochelle.

The Mercury Almanac.

The Mercury Almanac for 1910 is now ready for distribution to subscribers and will be delivered by the carriers to-day as their New Year's address. The Almanac this year is one of the most attractive that we have ever issued. It has a showy cover in buff and rose lake showing the Redwood Library in a fanciful design of old ocean.

The Almanac contains a complete and accurate fire table for Newport, the latest corrected list of fire alarm boxes, record of important events during 1909, weather predictions for every day in the year, a valuable collection of recipes and notes for ready reference for the housekeeper, in addition to the usual astronomical data, etc. It is copiously illustrated including many new local views.

Its advertising pages have as usual been liberally patronized by the leading business men of Newport, including the following: T. F. Kadis, meats and provisions; B. O. Gross, hocks and bonds; William E. Bright, real estate and insurance; Perry Cook, Company, coal and wood; A. O'D. Taylor, real estate and insurance; George H. Carr, books and stationery; Newport Coal Co., coal and wood; Adolph Rich, bookbinder; James P. Taylor, clothing; Charles Tidball & Co., meats and groceries; W. F. Wyatt, fish and fruit; J. H. Barnes, Jr., & Co., pianos and music goods; Landers & Peckham, butter, eggs, etc.

Charles M. Cole, pharmacist; J. K. McLeenan, tailor; Henry Rice & Son, leather goods; Neil McLeenan, tailor; Wright & Hay, pharmacists; William Shepley, tinsmith; National Exchange Bank, Island Savings Bank, Industrial Trust Company.

Dumont Clarke.

Easily the first of Newport boys for the last generation was Dumont Clarke in the respect that he had the most good fortune with the most honor. If Newport boys are as ambitious as they used to be to win honor and fortune together, honor for themselves and for the old town, they may wish to know something about Mr. Clarke while the New Year leads the boys to think about their future plans.

The Clarkes are Newporters from the start. One of them came in with the first settlers in 1639, and was the first man of his line. According to the Portsmouth record, John Clarke and others, about that time, "incorporated in the presence of Jehovah, incorporated themselves into a 'Bodie Pollock'." Ever since, the Clarkes have been good leaders and have shown a sense of their eternal obligations. In good people's estimation and for the good of the town, no family has stood ahead of the Clarkes. When the writer was a boy, the Clarkes kept a bank at the head of Commercial Wharf. Nothing could be more safe than their bank. Nothing could be more friendly or more dignified than Peleg Clarke and William A. Clarke. It was a pleasure to see young Dumont manage the Redwood Library forty or fifty years ago. He had a fine relationship to the books and to those that inhabit the books, and he was a fit resident of the delightful library. The Clarkes and Redwood were of the same quality.

Every day that Dumont Clarke was in New York, he gained in honor, fortune and esteem among men. His bank has always been a Newport bank, in the sense that Newporters fill its more responsible offices. His bank has been Newport in New York. Also the bank has grown and Mr. Clarke has grown with it. In the last few years many men have gone under in New York, either in pecuniary distress or in the flood of suspicion that has attacked the insurance leaders and the banks affiliated with them. But it was pleasant to note that all the time Dumont Clarke was held in greater and greater honor.

At last there seemed to be no other man for the highest positions. Wall Street seemed to call on him to fill every position of the very highest grade. To us the main thing still was that he had a friendly, cheery welcome for every Newporter, a friendly word or more substantial assistance for every one of us from the old town. As was said at the Reunion of 1894:

They tell of Islands of the Blest Below the setting sun,
Beyond the restless seas, a rest
When honored death is won.

We think it true, the legend sweet,
That spirits there may come
And young again together meet,
Again in Island Home.

W. H. PECKHAM.

At the annual meeting of the Society of Colonial Ware of Rhode Island, held at the Crown Hotel, Providence, on Thursday evening, Lieutenant Governor Arthur W. Dennis was elected Governor, ex-Governor Charles Dean Kimball was chosen Deputy Governor, and Hamilton B. Tompkins of Newport, Lieutenant Governor. R. Bennett Tilley of Newport was chosen Registrar, John Austin Stevens, Historian, and Amory Austin of Newport was chosen a member of the council.

Great Damage by Storm.

The most disastrous storm that this part of the country has seen in many a year struck Newport on Christmas Day and its effects are not yet at an end.

Communication with the outside world was completely cut off for several days, and the damage that was done to the wires of the telephone and telegraph companies will amount to many thousands of dollars. Fortunately there was no human life lost in this vicinity, in spite of the constant danger from falling wires charged with a death-dealing current but the power of the charges that was in the grounded wires was illustrated by the instant death of two horses that came into contact with the wires in different parts of the city.

Last Saturday afternoon the snow began to fall gently and was not accompanied by much wind. The weather was quite warm and in consequence the snow was very damp and sticky and adhered to everything that it touched. It continued to fall until several inches had accumulated on the ground, while the wires everywhere were completely encased with all the snow that they could carry. During the night the wind arose and at times reached an extreme velocity, causing the wires to sway violently and in many cases to break and fall to the ground under the weight of snow. In some places it was only an occasional wire that broke, while in others poles crashed to the ground, carrying a host of wires in an almost terrific entanglement.

Before morning dawned it was seen that the city was going to be in bad shape and the police were alert to prevent accidents from charged wires. The electric lighting current was turned off before daylight to prevent danger from crossed wires. Nevertheless during the early morning there were two horses killed by coming into contact with wires that had fallen across the trolley wires and thence to the street. One of these accidents occurred near the Beach and the other on Broadway near the Court House, each horse being killed instantly and bearing deep gashes to mark the place where the contact occurred. The drivers escaped in safety but were considerably alarmed.

The storm continued during Sunday, although the wind went down considerably during the day. Fortunately there was little shipping to be endangered, but the life saving crew from the Breunton Reef station went out twice, once to bring two fishermen off a small island where the high seas threatened to sweep them away, and once to secure a small boat that threatened to break away from its moorings.

The Fall River line steamer from New York did not reach Newport until late Sunday afternoon, having landed its passengers at New London whence they were taken to their destination by train. The steam railroad was considerably delayed but travel was not suspended on account of the storm, and even the electric cars were able to maintain a fairly regular schedule after the first few hours. The greatest delay on the steam road was due to the fact that the telegraph wires were down and no order could be transmitted.

The damage done to the wires of the telephone and telegraph companies was almost incalculable. Many telephones in the city were put out of commission for a greater or less time, but the lines were not to work at once and did their utmost to get them restored as quickly as possible. The fire alarm system was considerably upset, but active work soon had it in working order. It was, however, on the long distance telephone and telegraph circuits that the damage was the greatest. For several days Newport was completely cut off from wire communication with the outside world. Whole miles of poles and wires were down out on the island, and it was not until late Tuesday afternoon that the first telegraphic communication was restored, reaching then only as far as Fall River. On Wednesday a New York connection was obtained. The telephone company suffered equally as much and the long distance service was entirely suspended for several days. The value of this service was not appreciated until it was found to be gone, and then there was constant demand for outside connections.

Every licensee that could be obtained anywhere was pressed into service to repair the damages as quickly as possible. All New England was suffering equally to that men from other cities could not be drawn upon to make repairs in this vicinity. All the way this side of Boston, and out from Providence large gangs of men were at work practically day and night, and finally succeeded in restoring communication, although it will be some time yet before the damage is completely repaired.

Captain Joseph P. Cotton returned on Thursday from a few days' visit to New York and Philadelphia.

The condition of Mr. H. McK. Twombly, who is seriously ill in New York, does not show improvement.

Middletown.

Services at the Methodist Episcopal Church on Christmas Eve completed a Christmas in place of the usual exercises by the children, the large auditorium being well filled with an attentive and appreciative audience. The cantata, "The Prince of Peace," was presented in two parts, "The Promise" and "The Fulfillment," and was given by the regular choir, Mrs. Ida M. Brown, soprano, and Sadie I. Peckham and Mrs. John H. Peckham, altos, and Messrs. Wm. J. Peckham, baritone, and John H. Peckham, tenor, assisted by Rev. and Mrs. Clayton E. Delamater, tenor and alto, Miss Gladys W. Sherman, soprano, and Mr. Robert W. Smith, bass. The music included solo work by each member, by the male quartette, and chorus work by the singers who were seated just below the pulpit. The accompaniment was by piano, Miss Sadie E. Peckham, the church organist, rendering this difficult part most acceptably. At the close of the cantata two recitations were given by Miss Wallace Peckham and Miss Ivah Peckham, after which presents were distributed from a large tree.

Middletown schools closed on Thursday of last week, to reopen January 8d. The usual Christmas exercises were held which included recitations and songs, concluding with a tree and Santa Claus who distributed many gifts. At the Peabody school, the Christmas play, "The Lost Reindeer," was given most successfully before a large number of visitors. The crepe paper costumes, the decorations of the room and tree, and many of the gifts were earned by the children. The play abounded in clever drills and marches by "dolls," jumping jacks and elves.

Interesting exercises were held Thursday evening, in commemoration of the Christmas tide, at the Berkeley Parish House by the parish and friends of the Berkeley Memorial Chapel. After a short religious service, conducted by Rev. Latta Griswold, during which Christmas carols were sung, an interesting program of tableaux and recitations were given by the young children under the direction of Miss Mary Lydia Hart and Miss Ada Littlefield. The tableaux were especially pleasing and were heartily applauded. There was a large, handsomely decorated tree and the always welcome Santa Claus, with his gifts, and each Sunday School scholar received a cornucopia of candy and ice cream and cake. Games for the small children and dancing for the young people rounded out a most enjoyable evening. Mr. Edward P. Lake, the chapel organist, presided at the piano. Rev. John B. Dinan, assisted by his sister, Miss Emily Dinan, was, as usual, most active in having the young people have a good time. They were assisted by Mr. Arthur Roberts, who with Mrs. Roberts, was present from St. George's School. There was an attendance of about 125.

Under the auspices of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Peckham a masquerade will be given at the Berkeley Parish House on New Year's Eve, "The E. J. Club," which was to have had a social on this date at Oakland Hall, also the Ronkonkoma Dramatic Club which had planned a New Year's dance, have postponed their dates to attend the masquerade.

Rev. Latta Griswold will spend his three weeks' vacation with his aunt, Mrs. Laidley, in St. Louis.

Mrs. John H. Manchester has been very ill with pneumonia for the past two weeks at her home on State Hill.

While getting down hay from the barn lot Tuesday of last week, at his home on Peckham avenue, Mr. Elton Clarke Peckham slipped and fell to the floor below, a distance of some 8 feet. Fortunately no bones were broken and there were no fatal injuries, but he was badly lamed and the fall was a severe shock to his whole system so that he has since been confined to his bed. He continues to gain however, and is able to sit up for short periods and expects soon to be out again. At the advanced age of 86 it seemed little short of the miraculous that he should have escaped serious injuries. His continued activity and always sound health doubtless saved him from more grave consequences. It has given him much pleasure to learn of the interest manifested in him at this time through the messages, gifts, and calls of his relatives and friends.

Telephone service has been seriously crippled since the storm and is likely to be for some time to come owing to the great damage done to both poles and wires. Two Middletown milkmen lost their horses by contact with "live wires," Mr. Herbert Peckham of Second Beach and Mr. Frank Faquin of the West Main road.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Herbert Ward and their son Charles H. Ward, 2d, have closed their house on Honeyman Hill for the winter and left Monday night for Euclid, Florida. The youngest daughter, Miss May Ward, will spend the remainder of the winter with her mother, Mrs. Wm. R. Harvey, in Newport. Mr. Charles H. Ward accompanied his brother as far as New York city.

Mr. Edward Hyde Anthony, formerly of Middletown, younger son of Mr. Wm. and Mrs. Austine Anthony, and grandson of the late Truman Congdon, was married last Wednesday in Woodlynne, New Jersey, to Miss Edna B. Leonard of that city. They will reside in Philadelphia where Mr. Anthony has a responsible position in the branch office of the Brown & Sharpe Manufacturing Company of Providence.

At the meeting of Washington Commandery held Wednesday evening a message of greeting and good cheer was received from Rev. Sir Knight Aquila Webb, a former member, now the pastor of a large Presbyterian church in Louisville, Kentucky. A fitting response was sent to Dr. Webb by the Eminent Commander of Washington Commandery, E. Sir Clark Burdick.

Mr. T. T. Plimman has returned from the West where he spent the holidays.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR to the thousands of MERCURY readers. This is the 163rd time the MERCURY has extended its NEW YEAR'S GREETING to its readers and patrons. No other paper in this country can show such a record of longevity.

Oklahoma's law for the security of bank deposits seems to have a good many blowholes in it.

The question of the hour: Where is Dr. Cook, the man who did not discover the North Pole?

The days have already lengthened ten minutes at night, but the sun thus far refused to get up any earlier in the morning.

Mr. Bryan expresses his disapproval of the idle rich. Yet Mr. Bryan is rich and chiefly engaged in an idle effort to be president.

Newport this week has been in the condition of long ago when there was no telegraph and no telephone, and she didn't like it.

The cost of removing the snow that fell last Saturday night and Sunday is estimated to exceed by many millions the national debt.

The woes of the Western farmer are increasing. This year there are not hands enough to shock the corn crop, not care enough to ship the ears, and no place big enough to accommodate the husks.

It is generally conceded now that Commodore Peary is the only real discoverer of the long hidden Pole, but his in-temperate language concerning his alleged rival has not added to his reputation as a man.

Congress at the present session is likely to take the first steps toward changing the presidential inauguration date to the last Thursday in April. March 4 will then cease to be a day of evil reputation in the health reports of Washington.

As far as the amount of snow-fall is concerned, Newport fared better than most of the rest of the country during the blizzard early in the week. Her telegraph and telephone wires and poles were great sufferers, though. The snow did not greatly impede the street car service.

The largest wooden sailing vessel in the world was launched at Bath, Me., a few days ago. She is a six-masted schooner and bears the name Wyoming. The ship was christened by Miss Lena Brooks, daughter of the governor of Wyoming, who scattered flowers over the bow instead of breaking the conventional bottle of wine.

New York is at last aroused over the reckless actions of automobilists. The National Highway Protective Society has taken hold of the work and they are going to prepare a law for enactment at Albany which shall make the owners and chauffeurs, who recklessly run over people, sit up and take notice. It is time.

Already the people of Boston are weary of its new charter, and they have not tried it either. Under its beautiful principle of self combination there seem to be three eminently respectable men running for mayor with one not so respectable. The names, however, are with the latter and it looks as though he might be an easy winner against the other three.

The recent session of the National River and Harbor Congress at Washington resulted in the formation of a programme of betterments involving an annual outlay of at least \$50,000,000 to carry forward under the continuing contract system of the projects already begun or as will fit into a comprehensive national system of waterways. The congress also advocated the creation of a department of public works, with a cabinet officer at its head.

It is understood that the committee of ten, on changes in city methods of under the charter, will report at the meeting of the council on Monday and will recommend numerous amendments to the new charter. Among the amendments they will propose, it is said, will be one reducing the representative council from one hundred and ninety-five to sixty. Another is to cut down the board of aldermen to four members, and another is to consolidate certain city offices, one of which is to put on the city treasurer the additional burden of collecting the city taxes, and then creating the new office of city auditor. There would seem to be no economy in this and nothing to commend it to the public. So liberal a tinkering with a charter that has been in existence only four years and said by its sponsors when adopted to be perfect, would seem to argue that there are grave doubts in the minds of these gentlemen as to its perfection. To most people it would seem that the best way to amend this mongrel charter would be to amend it out of existence and start with a modern up-to-date charter in harmony with the charters of the other cities in the land.

Rhode Island Canal.

Daboll's New England Almanac contains an interesting article on the Atlantic Deep Waterway enterprise, particularly that part of the proposed route along the Rhode Island coast, and a map showing the layout of the canal. These facts were furnished by Lieutenant Colonel Sanford of the Engineer office and are in part:

Surveys have recently been made under the direction of Lt. Col. J. A. Sanford of the U. S. Engineers Dept. at Newport, for a Ship Canal to connect the waters of Narragansett Bay. The proposed route, starts near Watch Hill and runs easterly through the nearly continuous chain of sand ponds that fringes the Rhode Island coast, until it enters Point Judith Pond, where it turns northerly through Point Judith Pond, crosses the low divide in the vicinity of Wakefield into the Cove at the southern end of the Narragansett River, and follows the river to the northern limit. From here the cut into Buzzards Bay across the sand bar from Buzzards Cove to Narragansett Bay is but a short one. The total length is about 31 miles and nature has so carefully mapped out the route for the engineers that 24 miles, or about four-fifths of the distance, is now at tide level or already flooded.

Estimates will be made for varying depths from 16 to 25 feet. Probably nothing less than 16 feet will be considered and the width will be sufficient for the largest craft that can use the Canal to pass at any point. "It would be a double track Canal. Plans and estimates will be made during the present winter and a report may be ready for Congress before the close of the 1910 season. This, however, is out of our hands. The great chain of Narragansett Bay and Buzzards Bay, looking eventually to an inland route between New York and Boston. The distance and obstacles to overcome here are much greater than in the Rhode Island section and the elevations such as to necessitate a lock Canal.

Similar surveys are being made by engineer corps from the Boston office between the eastern arm of Narragansett Bay at Fall River, across the peninsula into Boston Bay, looking eventually to an inland route between New York and Boston. The distance and obstacles to overcome here are much greater than in the Rhode Island section and the elevations such as to necessitate a lock Canal.

All the arguments that have been made in favor of Intra Coastal Canals seem to apply in double measure to the Rhode Island link. In the matter of cost, it can be built at sea-level Canal, broad enough and deep enough to accommodate all the coastwise vessels that would have occasion to use it (and they would number into the thousands) for a less cost per mile than any other projected link, unless possibly it be those from Norfolk, Va., to Beaufort, N.C., where the conditions are quite similar.

It is claimed by the War Department that these Canals would be an important factor in our system of coast defence. In the event of war with foreign countries, then surely this is one of the most important if not the most important link in the chain, since it lies between the two greatest commercial centers of the east and puts New York in touch, under absolute cover, with the Government Naval Supply Station at Newport.

Water borne freight at rates too low for railroad competition, explains in large measure the great manufacturing and industrial growth of Rhode Island and Eastern Massachusetts. Here are more and larger factories, employing a greater number of people, and having a greater amount of capital invested than in any corresponding area in the United States. Any project then which tends to increase facilities for water transportation, tends toward increased growth and industrial prosperity of the section.

The one argument for the Rhode Island Canal, paramount to all questions of material advantage and which ought to commend it to the favorable consideration of Congress is—Point Judith—the Cape Hatteras of the New England coast. It lies exposed to the full violence of the easterly storms which are so frequent, particularly in the winter season and the record of marine disasters in the immediate vicinity of this Point is at times appalling. Gov. Peabody, in his address before the Atlantic Deep Water Way Association, at Norfolk, Va., last November, estimated (on good authority) that 29,000 vessels of all descriptions passed Point Judith in 1908, an average of 80 for each day in the year. Of this number a large proportion were of a type totally unfit to encounter rough seas, and in combination only because nine-tenths of the route they were destined to travel was comparatively safe. For the other tenth they could pay for fair weather and take a chance—how great this chance proved to be, records in the Government office will show.

It is not improbable that the value of vessels wrecked around Point Judith during the last quarter century, if available in one appropriation, would be sufficient to build the Canal, or that the average loss for each year would pay the interest on the investment. When to this record is added the hundreds of lives that have been sacrificed—the value of which cannot be estimated by any arithmetical computation, who shall say that this canal is not a boundless necessity?

There are two bills before Congress that will probably never see the light of day outside of the committee room. One was introduced by a Kansas senator and provides for the election of U. S. Senators by a direct vote of the people. The other was introduced by Representative Wilson of Pennsylvania (formerly an official in the miners' union) and is called "an old-age home-guard bill." It would have the Federal Government give a pension of \$120 a year, payable quarterly, to all persons over 65 years of age who have resided in this country for twenty-five years, and have been citizens for fifteen years, who possess property not exceeding \$1000 in value, and an income of not over \$240 a year.

New Year's Day is not generally regarded as a holiday in Newport, but this year there will be a very general closing of places of business. Most of the meat and provision stores will be closed all day, as will the dry goods stores.

Press on! If fortune play thee false today, tomorrow she'll be true.—Parker Benjamin.

New Marriage Law.

The new marriage law for Rhode Island goes into effect to-day. Hereafter the city of Providence will not be the Mecca for runaway couples from Massachusetts, neither will Westerly be the harbor of refuge for anxious couples from the western outposts State. Hereafter out-of-town couples who come into Rhode Island will be obliged in addition to showing categorically as to their names, age, residence, occupation, place of birth, fathers' and mothers' names, birthplace of parents and fathers' occupation, to present certified birth certificates, and if either or both are divorced or widowed, to produce copies of decrees or death certificates, properly vouched for by the clerk of the court in which the divorce was granted, or by the town clerk of the town in which the death occurred. The clerk will then stamp at the top of the certificate the date on which they were issued, and under this will stamp "This certificate will not be valid until five days from date." This five days' delay will give the contracting parties time to think the matter over seriously and back out if they are so inclined.

Weather Bulletin.

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Last bulletin gave forecasts of disturbance to crops continent Jan. 1 to 5, warm wave Dec. 31 to Jan. 4, cool wave 8 to 7. This disturbance was expected to bring about normal temperatures, to be preceded and followed by cold waves but not very severe, and the storms to be of the winter kind, a little more severe than usual.

Next disturbance will reach Pacific coast about Jan. 7, cross Pacific slope by close of Jan. great central valleys 9 to 11, eastern provinces and northeastern states 12. Warm wave will cross Pacific slope about Jan. 7, great central valleys 9, northeastern states and eastern provinces 11. Cool wave will cross Pacific slope about Jan. 10, great central valleys 12, eastern provinces and northeastern states 14.

The important feature of this disturbance will be the great rise of temperatures which will cause the week to be warmer than usual while less than the usual amount of rain will fall and not much snow even in northern sections. An abundance of rain will fall during January but not much snow and not much precipitation of any kind before middle of month. January will be dry in Florida, lower Mississippi valleys, from Memphis south and in greater part of Texas. Very little rain during January to Mexico and extreme southern part of Florida. Very dry in vicinity of New Orleans.

GRAIN AND COTTON.

The cereals and cotton are high enough for the time. It is usually good policy to hold these till just before the next crop comes in but few farmers can hold them so long. At time of writing this bulletin the prices are high enough and offer those who cannot hold till next August an opportunity to sell at fair prices. Oats are too high.

There is always a loss in grain that is sold over (in August). The shrinkage is usually great and on corn it will be very great this year as there is a large amount of soft corn. Of course the dealers at the great grain centers will buy much of this soft corn, make it over sulphur, dry it by artificial heat and sell it at first class prices.

The Argentine frost was used by speculators to put up prices of grain and the market ran away with itself. But who ever heard of corn being injured in this country by a frost early in June? Corn frosted to the ground about first of June always comes out again and usually makes a good crop. A December frost in this country is similar to a June frost in Argentina.

When the bears again get control of the markets the Argentine crops will be reported good and the bears will get control between this and first of March.

Waiting for the End.

Francis Curtis, the director of the permanent Republican literary bureau entering the office of President Higgins, of "Success" magazine, the other day saw an announcement of a forthcoming article under the head, "The End of Un-Americanism." "That reminds me," said Curtis, "of the occasional announcements we see of certain bands of people who predict the end of the world on a certain day. Then they get together in some church yard arrayed in their accursed robes and wait. But the sun rises the next morning as usual, and the earth continues to revolve and the end does not qualify."

And Speaker Cannon will still remain in the limelight in spite of all the insurers can do or say.

How to Preserve a Husband.

Be careful in your selection. Do not choose too young and take only such varieties as have been reared in good moral atmosphere. When once decided upon and selected, let that part remain forever settled, and give your entire thought to preparation for domestic use. Some insist on keeping one in a pickle, while others are constantly getting them into hot water. Even poor varieties may be made sweet, tender and good by grizzling them with patience, well-sweetened with smiles and flavored with kisses—to taste. Then wrap well in a mantle of clarity; keep warm with a steady fire of domestic devotion; and serve with peaches and cream. When thus prepared they will keep for years.

Mr. James C. Collins, one of the veteran lawyers of the State, formerly State Auditor, and for some years past Secretary of the shell fish commission, died at his home in Providence on Thursday. He was born in Richmond, R. I., in 1828. He represented the town of North Providence in the General Assembly many years ago. He has been for many years a prominent figure in Rhode Island affairs.

Newport merchants still continue to fall victims to the worthless check game. A 14-year-old girl has been placed under arrest on a charge of passing worthless checks on A. Silvers, a grocer on Broadway. The girl's name is Mary Perry and she was captured in Fall River where she had apparently gone to have a good time.

Board of Aldermen.

A large part of the weekly session of the board of aldermen on Thursday evening was devoted to a discussion of conditions at Easton's Beach. Alderman Mahoney making a report for the committee that was appointed to investigate the subject. Mr. Mahoney said that the committee had been in consultation with Mr. Paine, the manager of the Beach, and had been informed that the lessees proposed to put up a new pavilion to take the place of the one that burned, on a somewhat less expensive scale. The matter of avoiding the bad corner in the roadway at that point was brought up and Mr. Paine said that the association would probably not object to the city taking a few feet in order to straighten the road. However the plans of the city engineer call for the taking of about thirty feet. Mr. Paine was asked if he would submit plans of the new pavilion to the board before beginning to build and he replied that the directors would have to be consulted.

The board decided that it would be advisable, before taking any action, to have the city solicitor investigate the city's rights in the matter, and then consider what might be done afterward.

The regular weekly bills and payrolls were approved and the customary resolutions of thanks at the close of the year were passed.

Mrs. Charles Nordstrom died very suddenly on Christmas Day while on a Christmas errand. She had started from her home to visit her daughter on Poplar street, and when near the foot of Marlboro street she collapsed and was taken into Allen's restaurant. It was seen that she was seriously ill, and she was taken to the Newport Hospital in the ambulance, but died soon after reaching there. She was a prominent worker in the Swedish Methodist Church and was highly esteemed. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Carl Olson and Mrs. Archie W. Sleeper.

It has been very wintry in Newport for the past few days. Thursday morning the thermometers registered in the neighborhood of six above. Friday morning the temperature was about two degrees lower. The sleighing is excellent and there is sufficient ice on the ponds to encourage the ice men to think about harvesting a crop.

WEEKLY ALMANAC.

JANUARY 1910	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Sat	7 21	4 43	10 45	11 20	12 50		
2 Sun	7 25	4 47	11 49	1 20	1 30		
3 Mon	7 29	4 51	12 53	2 20	2 30		
4 Tues	7 33	4 55	1 57	3 20	3 30		
5 Wed	7 37	4 59	3 01	4 20	4 30		
6 Thurs	7 41	5 03	4 05	5 20	5 30		
7 Fri	7 45	5 07	5 09	6 20	6 30		

Last Quarter, 8th day, 8h. 57m., morning.
New Moon, 15th day, 8h. 51m., morning.
First Quarter, 22nd day, 5h. 20m., morning.
Full Moon, 29th day, 6h. 59m., morning.

Deaths.

In this city, 25th ult., Albertina Josephina, wife of Charles P. Nordstrom, in her 65th year.
In this city, 27th ult., Elizabeth S., wife of Henry P. Hall.
In this city, 28th ult., Nora M., wife of Patrick J. Canale, and daughter of the late Timothy B. and Mary Buckley.
In this city, 30th ult., Sophia D., daughter of the late Benjamin and Sarah A. Marjole.
In this city, Dec. 31, George A. Norton, formerly of this city.
In North Providence, R. I., Dec. 30, Emma L., wife of Edwin M. Sanford, aged 40 years, a month and six days.
In Providence, 29th ult., George R. Gordon, in his 81st year.
In Providence, 29th ult., Ruth R. Whitman, in her 77th year.
In Providence, 30th ult., James C. Collins, in his 84th year.
In this city, 29th ult., Sarah J., wife of the late Simon Cogswell, aged 75 years.
In Tarkenton, R. I., 25th ult., Mary A. Smyth, in the 94th year of her age.
In Portsmouth, 28th ult., Frank D. Smith, in his 83d year.

Desirable Real Estate Opportunities.

1st.—Some acres of land on Conanicut Island, within 2 miles of Jamestown, right on the sea. An unusually cheap chance to close an estate. \$12,500.
2d.—A furnished cottage in Newport (ready to step into and live). 8 rooms, heated, lighted, bath room, etc., owner leaving city. On one of the pleasantest avenues in Newport \$2,500.

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BRITISH NOBLE'S DEATH

Opinion That Earl Percy Received Fatal Wound in a Duel.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The death of Earl Percy (Henry A. George) of England, which occurred here yesterday, is believed to have resulted from a wound received in a duel. Officially, he died from pneumonia, but few here in higher circles are willing to accept this version.

The police hold that, while Earl Percy's symptoms may have been those of pneumonia, he was shot through the lungs in an affair of honor. The alleged assailant of the earl is unknown, but is thought to have been an Englishman.

Earl Percy was 48 years old. He was under secretary of state for India in 1902-03. He published two books of travel in Asiatic Turkey. He was not married, but had a house in London.

INDEPENDENTS MAY SUE STANDARD OIL

Three-Fold Damages If the Dissolution Is Sustained

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 31.—Several thousand damage suits against the Standard Oil company of New Jersey are to be instituted by the Independent oil refiners if the United States supreme court upholds the decision of the circuit court for the Minnesota district, ordering the corporation dissolved.

Thomas L. Hilsen, president of the Independent Petroleum Marketers' association, announced the program undertaken by his organization. For several months the association has been gathering evidence upon which they intend to institute legal proceedings against the Standard Oil company under section 7 of the Sherman anti-trust law, which provides that any person or company injured by any corporation may bring action against the injuring corporation for threefold damages.

PEARY IS FROSTBITTEN

Blizzard Caught Him Wearing Evening Clothes and Low Shoes

Washington, Dec. 31.—Long experience in the Arctic stood Commander Peary in very good stead when his automobile stranded in a snow bank in the remote regions of Maryland, while he was en route to a friend's house for dinner, and he was compelled to face a blizzardy wind in light evening clothes and wade deep snow drifts in low shoes for a mile or more to obtain assistance.

Finally arriving at his destination, after having his machine dug out of the snow drifts, it was discovered that Peary had suffered from slight frost bites of his ears, and it was necessary to give the members vigorous snow treatment before they became normal.

IN BOSTON MARKETS

Butter—Choice northern creamery, 24c; western creamery, 22c@23c; jobbing quotations, 14c higher.
Cheese—Choice New York state, 16c@17c; Vermont, 16c@16c.
Eggs—Choice henney and, nearby, 41c@42c; eastern extras, 37c@38c; western, 31c@32c; refrigerators, 23c@24c.
Apples—Baldwins, 33c@35c; northern spys, 22c@23c; greenings, 22c@23c; russets, 15c@22c.
Truck—Celery, Boston market, 1.50@2.00; onions, native, 70c@85c; box, turnips, yellow, 11c@15c; white, 60c@75c; box, squash, marrow, 1.25@1.50; turban, 1.50@1.75; Hubbard, 20c@25c; cabbages, drumhead, 1.25; parsley, 11c@1.25; box, heels, 60c@75c; carrots, 65c@85c; parsnips, 75c@1.00; radishes, 1.50@1.75; box, spinach, native, 60c@80c; eggplants, 34c@36c; okra, 12c@13c; Brussels sprouts, 10c@12c; lettuce, 50c@75c; box, mint, 50c@75c; cress, 50c@60c; box, romaine, 11c@1.25; box, escarole, 50c@1.00; chichory, 60c@1.00; leeks, 50c@75c; dox.
Fresh meats—Extra heavy sides, 9c@10c; heavy fore, 7c@8c; light, 5c@6c; spring lamb, 11c@13c; winter lamb, 10c@11c; yearlings, 5c@7c; muttons, 8c@9c; choice veals, 13c@14c.
Poultry—Northern turkeys, 28c@20c; native broilers, 22c@25c; northern fowl, 18c@19c; geese, northern, 16c@18c; native pigeons, 15c@22c; squabs, 35c@37c; dox.

JAPAN SEEKS NEW TREATY

Would Head Off Possibility of Drastic Exclusion and Segregation

Washington, Dec. 31.—Baron Uchida, the new Japanese ambassador, has come to the United States for one special purpose in view—that of negotiating a new treaty in conformance with the desires of the mikado.

Within a short time California and her fight to segregate Japanese public school pupils will again be in the limelight. Japan wishes the present treaty, which expires on July 17, 1912, abrogated before that time, and a new agreement made.

This haste has for its purpose the balking of the California opponents of the Japanese. Before 1912 drastic exclusion and segregation action might be taken on the coast.

On the other hand the United States government is inclined to delay.

Standpipe Declared Unsafe
Brookton, Mass., Dec. 30.—City Engineer Felton condemned the Montello standpipe as unsafe, and 1,300,000 gallons of water were withdrawn to prevent a possible catastrophe.

Slumlord About Conquers Everything
—Virginia.

DEER ISLAND MISCONDUCT

Probers Find Many of the Charges Have Been Proven

BLAME PLACED UPON MAYOR

Spills System Prevails and Politicians Prey Upon Boston Penal Institutions

Department—Prisoners Use Drugs and Officers Are Addicted to Drunkenness, According to Report Submitted by Finance Commission

Boston, Dec. 31.—In a report of its findings on its Deer Island investigation, made by the mayor and board of aldermen last night, the finance commission characterized the Deer Island institution as "resembling a school for crime."

Asserting that the many charges of the use of drugs by the prisoners, illicit trafficking between prisoners and officers and drunkenness among the officers were proven by its investigation, the commission places the blame on the mayor.

It stated that the spills system was employed in the conduct of the penal institutions department and that the politicians preyed on the department to the extent of getting favorite jobs contrary to law.

The commission declared that because of lack of experience and training, former Commissioner Skinner was unfit for his position and placed the greater part of the responsibility for the management of the institution on Mayor Hibbard for appointing Skinner.

The commission declared that the mayor, two of his secretaries and ten of the present members of the board of aldermen had attempted to place favorites in jobs in the department.

It declared that the cost of the food for the master's table at Deer Island had been excessive, and criticized the latter for having a boat built for himself by prison labor.

It absolved the master from blame for the alleged misconduct of the institution, stating that this was chiefly due to political interference.

The commission recommended the appointment of an experienced man as head of the penal institutions department and the placing of the department under civil service.

The commission also stated that altogether too many prisoners are sent to the island for petty offenses, and recommended that the judges and head of department come to some understanding, and that more probation officers be appointed if necessary.

Neither Hibbard nor Skinner would make any comment upon the commission's report last night.

MAY ISSUE SECOND REPORT

Danish Commission Says Cook's Data Showed Loose Calculations

Copenhagen, Dec. 29.—The special committee of Copenhagen university which investigated Dr. Frederick A. Cook's polar records is now considering whether or not it will publish a second report, giving further details of its work. If the committee should decide to do so it will issue the report about the middle of January.

A member of the committee says that some of the details of Cook's narrative of his expedition were fabricated and his papers showed that he had used calculations furnished by Captain Loos. The second report, he says, will present evidence to that effect.

SUBMARINE AS LIFESAVER

Lifts Sunk Fishing Vessel and Saves the Lives of Its Crew

Toulon, Dec. 30.—The submarine Cigogne performed a remarkable lifesaving feat during a storm. The boat was practising diving in the open sea, when the commander saw a large fishing boat suddenly overwhelmed and sink.

The submarine immediately dived right under the fishing craft, of which the masthead alone was above the water.

The valves were operated quickly and the Cigogne rose to the surface, lifting the boat and holding it above the water long enough to take off the crew.

A DESPERATE CHARACTER

Police Will Have Guns Handy When They Get Near Burns

Boston, Dec. 31.—"Dennis" Burns, the reggman who is wanted in connection with the killing of John W. Hurley in a Tremont street alley Monday evening, wandered about the South End for twenty-four hours after the murder and declared to several acquaintances who talked with him that he was not going to leave the city "until he killed two men that he was out to get."

Those who are hunting Burns realize that the safe blow is a desperate man, and if they get on his trail their hands will be pretty close to their guns, for they all fear that Burns will shoot at any policeman who attempts to arrest him.

Burns is a consumptive, and those who know him intimately say that he realizes that he has but a few months to live.

Price of Hogs at Top Notch
Kansas City, Dec. 29.—Hogs brought the unusual price of \$3.60 on the Kansas City market yesterday. This is the highest mark attained here since 1882. Receipts were heavy. Packers do not explain the increase in price.

WICKERSHAM FILES A BRIEF

Attorney General Hot on Trail of Tobacco Combine

HAS ASSETS OF \$470,000,000

Asserted That Defendants Have Been
Actuated by Fixed Purpose to De-
stroy Competition and Obtain Mon-
opolies—Supreme Court Is Told
That New England Jobbers Throw
Out All Independent Products

Washington, Dec. 31.—In a printed
brief of 208 pages, Attorney General
Wickersham and his special assistant,
J. C. Reynolds, presented to the su-
preme court of the United States the
case of the government in the famous
tobacco trust cases, which will be
argued next week in that court.

The cases were tried in the United
States circuit court for the southern
district of New York, which, after
dismissing the petition as to foreign
tobacco companies and some of the
subordinate American companies, ad-
judged the others to be parties to an
unlawful conspiracy and enjoined
them from continuing their operations
and from engaging in interstate com-
merce.

The attorney general takes the posi-
tion that those findings, sweeping as
they seem to have been, were not
broad enough, and he asked the su-
preme court to so widen their scope
as to take in the foreign companies
and some individuals, who were re-
lieved from the operation of the ver-
dict. Many other extensions of the
judgment are also requested.

After showing that in 1890 competi-
tion was free, the various coalitions
are traced in the document, and facts
are given to show that the combina-
tion has grown until its combined as-
sets amount to \$470,000,000.

It is asserted that the combination
manufactures all of the cigarettes for
export and almost three-fourths of the
smoking tobacco and of the cigarettes
for domestic sale, more than three-
fourths of the plug, twist and fine cut
tobacco, and almost all of the snuff
and little cigars that are made.

It is declared that "the defendants
have persistently exercised duress,
have practised wicked and unfair
methods and used their great power
in oppressive ways."

Further, it is asserted that they
have been actuated by a fixed purpose
to destroy competition and obtain
monopolies.

Coming down to specific instances
relative to the operations of the trust,
it is declared that substantially all
established jobbers in New England
were induced to throw out independent
products, as were those of Philadel-
phia, New York and many other
specified places.

The advertising methods of the
trust are referred to as a means of
influencing both business and public
sentiment, and it is said that not less
than \$10,000,000 were expended in
this way in the single year of 1906.

The attorney general seems inclined
to the view that a receiver should be
appointed for the business of the
parties to the combination, and he
adds:

"The very existence of certain de-
fendants is criminal and certainly they
cannot rightfully complain because
restrained from carrying out the un-
lawful purposes of their creation; they
are wilfully in positions where every
act is a transgression."

HUGE PROFITS IN M L K

Revealed by Accounts in Books of
Big New York Companies

New York, Dec. 30.—A story of
huge profits for the so-called milk
trust was unfolded by Marvin Scud-
der, the accountant employed by the
state to go over the books of the
larger milk companies.

With the purpose of refuting the as-
sertion that the companies lost money
selling milk at 8 cents a quart, Scud-
der submitted figures from the books
of the Borden company showing that
in the nine months of this year, end-
ing Sept. 30 last, the company made
a clear profit on fluid milk and cream
in New York and Chicago of \$1,
076,772.

YPHOID IN MONTREAL

Estimates of Number of Persons Sick
Run as High as 4500

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Although ac-
curate figures are not obtainable, it is
estimated that five persons out of
every 1000 in the city of Montreal are
ill from typhoid fever. The total
number of deaths for the month is
forty-three.

Estimates of the number of cases to
the city, based upon canvasses of
practising physicians, range from
2500 to 4500.

"MUSICAL BARBARIANS"

Opinion of Americans as Expressed by
Head of Northwestern University

Chicago, Dec. 29.—"The American
people are musical barbarians, and the
function of the American musi-
cian is to civilize the people."

This declaration by President Har-
ris of Northwestern university was
the keynote of the thirty-first annual
convention of the Music Teachers' Na-
tional association, which met here.

Flea Said to Carry Plague

Washington, Dec. 31.—Now the flea
is accused officially of carrying the
bubonic plague. It is stated that the
United States is seriously threatened
by the spread of that dread disease.

LAST HOPE SHATTERED

Morse Denied a New Trial and Stay
of Sentence Is Vacated

New York, Dec. 30.—The last hope
of Charles W. Morse, the ice king and
steamship magnate, convicted of vi-
olating the federal banking laws, was
swept away when Judge Hough, in
the United States circuit court of ap-
peals, decided that he is not entitled to
a new trial. Morse took the blow
stolidly.

Morse was convicted of wrecking
the National Bank of North America,
whose collapse was an immediate
cause of the panic of 1907, and his
last chance to clear his name is gone.

Judge Hough, in giving his deci-
sion, vacated Morse's stay from his
prison sentence. Attorney Stimson,
who prosecuted Morse, said:

"There is nothing further Morse can
do. He will now have to serve his
sentence of fifteen years."

NO BREACH WITH US

Creel Says His Mission to United
States Was Successful

Washington, Dec. 31.—Governor
Creel of Chihuahua, special envoy
from Mexico to the United States in
the Nicaraguan affair, gave an au-
thorized statement regarding his present
mission to this country.

Governor Creel declared that he had
accomplished his task with gratifying
results. The resignation of Zelaya
and succession of President Madriz
had ended many difficulties and pre-
vented anarchy, he declared, and
peace and patriotism were now finding
their way on both sides in Nicaragua.

The granting of asylum of Zelaya
by Mexico, said Creel, was in no
sense an act of unfriendliness to the
United States.

MISS LE BLANC HELD IN GLOVER MURDER

Court Returns Inquest Judg-
ment Against Young Woman

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 30.—
There is no evidence to show that the
death of the deceased (Clarence F.
Glover) was caused by any person
other than said Hattie Le Blanc.

This is the conclusion reached by
Judge Luce as a result of the inquest
into the murder of Clarence F. Glover,
who was shot in his laundry in
Waltham on the evening of Nov. 21.

Miss Le Blanc was committed to jail
to await the action of the grand jury.
The purpose of the sworn testimony
at the inquest was made known au-
thoritatively for the first time when
Judge Luce filed his report. It went to
establish that Hattie Le Blanc asked
Glover to go to the laundry on the
fatal night, that she shot him with
the light burning and not in the dark-
ness, that he grappled with her and
wrenched the weapon away from her
and that the two bullets found in
Glover's body fit the revolver found
where Glover said he threw it.

CAN'T DODGE TROLLEY CARS

Newly Arrived Immigrant May Be
Sent Back to Ireland

Boston, Dec. 31.—Whether an
immigrant who can't keep out of the
path of American electric cars shall
be deported or permitted to become a
citizen is the question Immigration
Inspector Dolan is trying to solve.
John Mordine, from Cork, seems to
have a peculiar fascination for run-
ning in the path of Boston cars. He
can't make his feet behave when he
sees a motorman throw on the power.

That's why he's been treated twice
within a month for a fracture of the
skull, which he sustained each time
he was knocked down by a car. The
city hospital authorities decided to
call the attention of the immigrant au-
thorities to the fact that because Bos-
ton's electric cars were too fast for Mor-
dine, he had become a public charge.

GORDON MADE SENATOR

Will Relinquish the Honor When Mis-
issippi Legislature Meets in June

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 28.—Governor
Noel announced the appointment
of James Gordon of Okolona as United
States senator from Mississippi, to
succeed the late Senator McClaurin.

The appointment is only until the
legislature can elect a senator for the
unexpired term and is made with the
understanding that Gordon will not
be a candidate for this term. The
legislature meets June 4.

Midshipman Must Quit Academy

Washington, Dec. 29.—Midshipman
R. W. Bragg of the first district of
Maine was ordered to be dismissed
from the naval academy for excess of
demerits growing out of his unsatis-
factory conduct. He was appointed to
the academy in 1906.

Union's Offer Rejected

Barre, Vt., Dec. 31.—The commit-
tee representing the Barre Granite
Manufacturers' association rejected the
proposition formulated by com-
mittees representing the 4500 granite
workers now on strike or locked out
here.

Killed by Long Fast

Rome, Ga., Dec. 30.—Weakened
by a fast of twenty-four days, which
he believed he had been asked to en-
dure by the Almighty, J. W. Lippen,
a well-to-do citizen, died last even-
ing.

France Passes Tariff Bill

Paris, Dec. 30.—The chamber of
deputies passed the tariff bill by a
vote of 365 to 42. This represents a
victory for the high protectionists and
the tariff commission.

Turkish Cabinet Gets Out

Constantinople, Dec. 29.—The
whole Turkish cabinet resigned last
evening, following the resignation of
Hilmi Pacha, the grand vizier.

GOES DOWN IN SIGHT OF PORT

Schooner Davis Palmer Wrecked
Just Outside Boston Harbor

STORY TOLD BY WRECKAGE

No Trace of Her Crew of Twelve
Men, Who Are Undoubtedly Lost—
Many Other Vessels Tossed Ashore
by Furious Gale—Chelsea Flood
Refugees Sleep in Armory—One
Woman Driven Temporarily Insane

Boston, Dec. 28.—News of the loss
of the big five-masted schooner Davis
Palmer and her crew of twelve men,
off Boston harbor, and of the wreck-
ing of eleven other vessels along the
New England coast constitutes the
opening chapter of the toll taken on
the sea by the great storm which
swept New England Saturday night
and Sunday.

With the restoration of communica-
tion with this storm-swept section,
which, in common with southeastern
Massachusetts, bore the brunt of the
blizzard, it is feared that a story of
marine disasters and storm damage
unequalled in years will be unfolded.

The news already gleaned makes
it probable that the worst is yet to
come. Wreckage borne into Boston
harbor on an unusually high tide yes-
terday told the mute story of the loss
of the Davis Palmer, somewhere near
the entrance to the harbor.

The Davis Palmer went down with
its crew at some point yet unknown
just outside Boston harbor. The ves-
sel, which had come up the coast from
Newport News with a cargo of coal,
foundered at the very approach to the
waters of the port that she was seek-
ing.

Wreckage coming ashore at Hull
and other points along the south
shore indicates that no mistake has
been made concerning her identity.
Though the long stretches of coast
line along Hull and Nantasket have
been gone over, no bodies have been
found, yet this fact has failed to
bring about any feeling of hope for
Captain Leroy McKown of Malden,
her master, and the eleven other men
the Palmer carried.

It is believed that in the aftermath
of the great gale, Sunday afternoon,
while the waves still assumed gi-
gantic proportions, the Palmer, lying
at anchor off shore, snapped her
cables, struck upon one of the ledges
and sank within a very few moments.

Wreck Is Located

Boston, Dec. 29.—After two days
searching the waters of Boston harbor
and Massachusetts bay, yesterday the
wreck of the sunken five-masted
schooner Davis Palmer was located.

The bulk lies in Broad sound at the
point of intersection of two imaginary
lines drawn from the Graves light to
Grover's Cliff, Winthrop, and from
Deer Island to Nahant.

Almost entirely submerged in eight
fathoms of water, the wreck is di-
rectly in the path of large vessels and
a serious menace to navigation.

No trace of the crew of the vessel,
however, was disclosed by the find-
ing of the wreck. The fate of Captain
McKown and his crew of eleven men
is still as great a mystery as if the
vessel had drifted out to sea.

Situation in Chelsea

Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 28.—Mrs.
Nathan Kellner, one of the refugees
at the Chelsea armory, driven tem-
porarily insane last night by exposure
and pain, jumped from her cot in the
armory and, seizing a large hammer,
was just about to murder her seven
children when she was seized and the
children saved.

Dr. Chase, the city physician, who
is attending the stricken families, ad-
ded by a volunteer assistant, succeeded
in getting the woman back to the cot.
Sedatives were administered and soon
Mrs. Kellner regained her senses.

More than 200 other refugees from
the flood of Sunday slept in the arm-
ory last night. Captain Renfrew had
provided mattresses and blankets, and
shove-downs were made up in the
locker room. No attempt was made
to separate the families, and men,
women and children made the room a
common dormitory.

LYNCHINGS FOR YEAR 1909

They Reached a Total of Seventy and
Included Eleven White Persons

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Lynchings in
1909 numbered seventy, the highest
number since 1904. The victims in-
cluded eleven whites.

The lynchings occurred in twelve
states and one territory, New Mexico.
As in previous years crimes against
white women and murders caused most
of the summary executions.

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MRS. BROKAW WINS SUIT

Society Woman's Alimony Will Be
Based on Husband's Income

New York, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Mary
B. Brokaw has won her suit for sepa-
ration and large alimony. The case
was virtually closed when Judge Put-
nam adjourned the hearing with the
announcement that he would on Sat-
urday take up the question of W. G.
Brokaw's finances.



MRS. W. G. BROKAW

This is little less than an open de-
claration that Mrs. Brokaw has been
victorious. It remains only to set the
amount of alimony. Mrs. Brokaw
asked for \$60,000, but lawyers do not
expect that she will be granted more
than a third of that sum.

DOES HUNDRED-MILE STUNT UNDER COVER

How Resourceful Middy Ful-
filled Naval Requirements

Washington, Dec. 30.—Naval offi-
cers who have deferred taking their
physical test until the last moment
are baving the hardest kind of a time
trying to get through with their 90-
mile ride, or 50-mile walk, before
midnight, Dec. 31, when tests for all
officers must be completed.

Snow, ice and biting cold have added
to the hardships of those officers who
are now trying to rush their tests.

Charles H. Davis, Jr., son of Ad-
miral Davis, U. S. N., retired, is
only a midshipman attached to the
Vermont, but he has proven an adept
at resourcefulness and established a
precedent which may come in handy
for the future.

Not wishing to ride a horse and not
liking to trudge fifty weary, cold
miles along the ice, he borrowed a
bicycle, hired Convention hall and
rode around the smooth floor until his
cyclometer had checked off 100 miles.

New Wireless Record by Land

New Orleans, Dec. 29.—The long
distance wireless record by land was
established when the wireless station
here picked up a message passing be-
tween New York and Chicago. The
distance is estimated at 1300 miles.

Fourteen-Year-Old Suicide

Toledo, O., Dec. 29.—Sent to the
cellar because he refused to get his
mother a pail of water, Herman Mil-
ler, aged 14, hanged himself.

CUTICURA CURED HIS SORE EYES

When 63 Years Old Eye-Balls and
Lids Became Terribly Inflamed—
Was Unable to Go About—Home
Remedies and Professional Treat-
ment were Equally Unsuccessful.

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"About two years ago my eyes got
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go about. They were terribly inflamed,
both the balls and lids. I tried home
remedies without relief. Then I de-
cided to go to our family physician, but
he didn't help them. Then I tried two
more of our most prominent physicians,
but my eyes grew continually worse.
At this time a friend of mine advised
me to try Cuticura Ointment, and after
using it about one week my eyes were
considerably improved and in two weeks
they were almost well. They have
never given me any trouble since. I
was then sixty-three years old and am
now sixty-five. I shall never fail to
speak a word of praise for the Cuticura
Remedies when I have an opportunity,
and I trust that this letter may be the
means of others being cured as I have
been. O. B. Halsey, Mouth of Wilson,
Grayson Co., Va., Apr. 4, 1908."

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AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS.

A New Year's Story.

By CLARISSA MACKIE.

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IT was New Year's eve, and Marcella Scott sat staring into the fire with unseeing eyes and compressed lips.

"I told him I'd wait fifteen years and no longer," she sighed. "The fifteen years are up tonight at 12 o'clock. If he doesn't appear then with the fortune he promised I shall start the new year by marrying Captain Ladd!"

Marcella's eyes blazed indignantly as she made this declaration. Fifteen years ago Jeremiah Allen had kissed her goodby and gone away to the gold fields to seek a fortune for them both.

"I'll come back within two years, Marcella," he had boasted at the last. "I'll be rich then, and you'll marry me, won't you? You'll wait for me two years. There ain't any money in farming—

you'll wait for me just two years, Marcella, won't you?"

"I'll wait fifteen years, Jere," she had promised. "That is an awful long time, and it proves how much I care!" Jeremiah had admitted tenderly that it did prove Marcella's love, and so he had trudged away into the west. The years had dragged by, and Jeremiah had not made a fortune, but Marcella was still waiting.

Every month her lover had written a long letter, and these letters became at last a history of disillusionment and hard, hard work—a history of digging underground, or great strikes and disastrous business deals in which Jeremiah Allen always came out a poorer and wiser man than when he entered. It would seem that, with so much poverty and wisdom thrust upon him, Jeremiah might have gone better, but he never did.

His last letter had contained glowing accounts of a new camp in the Klondike. He was there now, she thought. "If Jeremiah doesn't come tonight I shall marry Captain Ladd in a month," averred Marcella again as she stared steadily at the fire.

The clock ticked above the high mantelsheft, the cat purred noisily in the warm corner, and the logs hissed and spat in the fireplace. Outside it was snowing softly, and now and then a large flake touched the window pane with a muffled tap.

"If he doesn't come tonight," she argued with herself, "he can't expect me to wait for him any longer. I'm thirty-eight now. I shall marry Captain Ladd in a month." She shuddered a little at the sight of Captain Ladd's ruddy visage peering at her around the clock on the shelf.

"I don't suppose Jere'd want to see that picture on the shelf," she mused as she hid it in a drawer. "He used to be jealous. I expect he's an old man now. He must be forty-two. I hope he is rich. I can't stand another year of poverty—it's too grinding. If he comes back penniless I shall marry Captain Ladd anyway!"

With this resolution the door opened, and in walked the captain, his hair and beard sprinkled with clinging snowflakes until he looked like a veritable Santa Claus.

"Thought I'd watch in the new year with you, Marcella," he puffed as he unwound himself from several yards of woolen muffler. "I thought to myself that as we were likely to go through the year together as man and wife maybe it'd be a good idea to watch the new year in together, eh?"

Marcella hesitated. "Well," she murmured, with a reluctant glance at the clock, "kind of expected some one else tonight—some one who promised to be here—but I guess he's not coming."

"Does that mean you want me to stay, Marcella?"

Marcella nodded gravely. "If the right company had come I'd have said no," she explained wistfully. "You understand I'm not marrying for love. I'm lonely, and I want companionship, and some one to take care of."

The captain nodded. "I'm willing to be took care of," he said solemnly.

Marcella knitted calmly, the warm red wool of the mittens threatening her strong fingers like rippling flames. It was not easy to realize that she was practically engaged to Captain Ladd. The old sailor had pursued her ever since Jeremiah's departure fifteen years before.

"You can have the house repapered if you want to, Marcella," said the good captain after awhile.

"All right," agreed Marcella in a muffled voice.

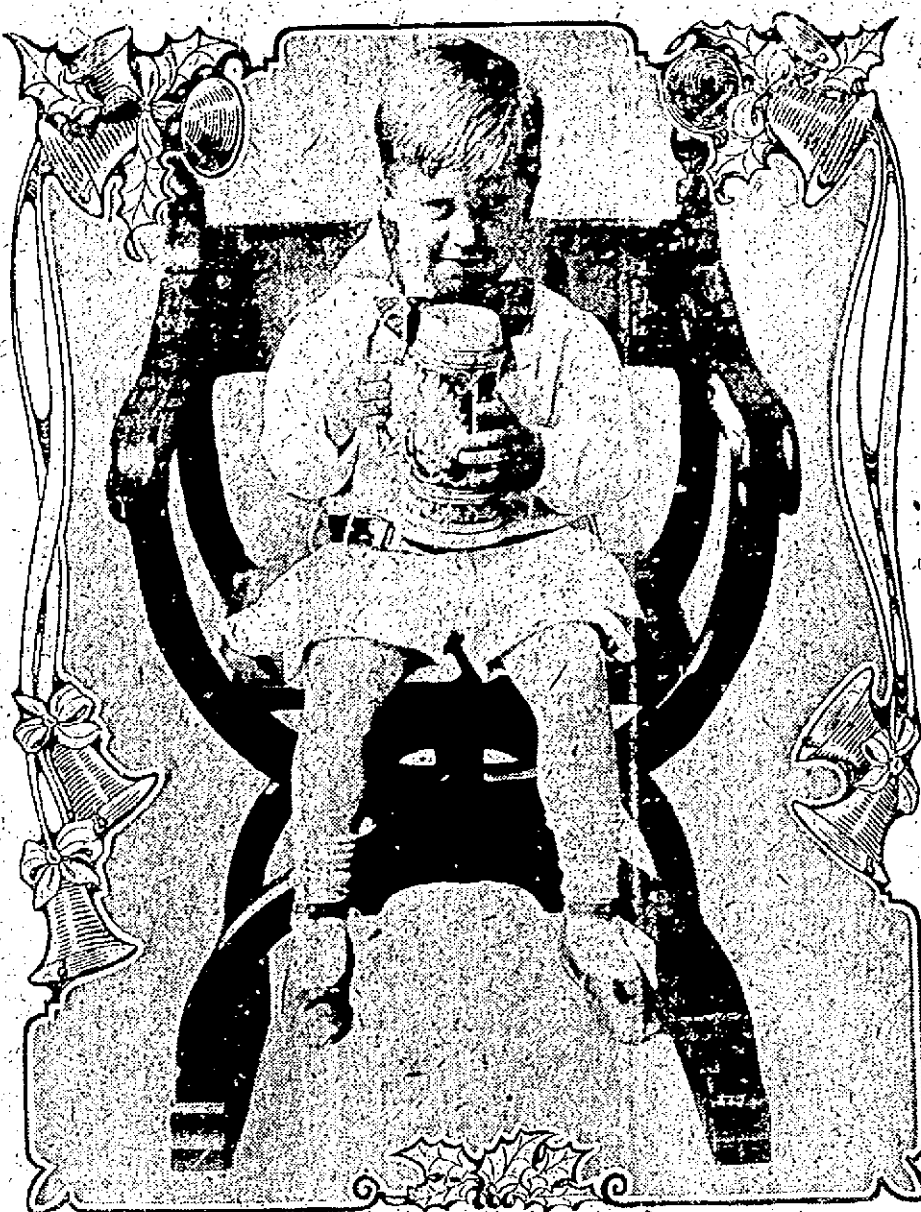
"I'm going to buy a new carriage."

It is related that chief justice Salmon P. Chase on clapping at the birthplace of Patrick Henry in Virginia exclaimed: "What an atmosphere! What a view! What glorious mountains! No wonder Patrick Henry grew here! Whereupon an honest native dryly remarked that the atmosphere, the view and the mountains had been there for ages, but that only one Patrick Henry had been produced.—Macou Telegraph.

A farmer owned a dog—a very good, high bred and thoroughly trained dog—that every morning for three years chased a railway train that ran past the farm. The farmer and his wife were watching the persistent but vain pursuit one warm morning.

"I wonder," the wife said, "what makes that foolish dog chase the train so persistently?"

"Never thought about that," replied the farmer, "but I've often wondered what he would do if he caught it."



"HERE'S WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

too, so's we can drive to town in proper fashion. The old buggy is all in tatters."

"That will be nice," murmured Marcella.

"We might get married on Valentine's day. That'll give you time to get ready, eh, Marcella?" he said playfully.

"Very well," consented Marcella mechanically. The hours wore on. She put refreshment of cider and doughnuts before her sailor lover, but she did not touch them herself.

"Why, I am rich!" When the clock chimed 12 he arose and turned a merry eye toward her. "Here's to your health, Marcella Scott, soon to be Marcella Ladd. Give me a kiss, my dear, to seal the bargain." He leaned toward her suggestively.

"No, no!" cried Marcella vehemently. "I have made a mistake—I can't marry you, Captain Ladd. I am waiting for some one else. Oh, I cannot marry you—not this year!"

The captain glared angrily at her. "This year or none, ma'am! You've been a putting me off more times than I want to remember! Shall we begin this new year together or not?"

"Not!" said Marcella firmly. "My mind's made up for good and all."

"Good night, and a happy new year to you, ma'am!" snapped Captain Ladd as he strode from the house.

"I didn't mean fifteen years, Jeremiah," whispered Marcella softly to herself as she thrust Captain Ladd's picture to the fire. "I meant I would wait always. I've just found it out."

There was a little contented smile on her face now as she dreamed before the fire, and so she did not hear a low tap at the door. Again it sounded, louder, and she rose to her feet, with a little frightened cry.

The door swung open, and this time a tall form entered and stamped the clinging snow from his feet.

"Marcella—little Marcella," he cried eagerly, "I ain't too late? You're waiting for me yet?"

"Yes," sobbed Marcella in Jeremiah's strong arms.

"I ain't rich, Marcella. I'm a dead failure at getting rich. I've come back to buy a farm and settle down. I've got just enough for that. Do you want me now, Marcella? I ain't rich, but I've got my two hands and you. Why, I am rich!" he laughed delightedly.

"And I am rich, too," sighed Marcella happily. "I have got you!"

The new year had already begun.

Not Such a Handicap.

Spratt—Yes, I know I'm a very absentminded fellow, but I'm always glad of it on New Year's.

Snaggs—How so?

Spratt—Why, I can break all my New Year's resolutions without causing any comment in the family.

The New Year's Shooter.

This is the day when shooters shoot And then go home and "resolute" That next year surely, come what may, They will not shoot on New Year's day.

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TO NINETEEN-TEN.

Child of eternity, child of the silence,

Fair New Year, Wise with the wisdom sages have left thee,

Bend thine ear, Lift up the veil that covers thy features,

Strange New Year, Rainbow a promise over the darkness,

Lest we fear!

Bury our yesterday, foolish and empty,

Fathoms deep; Leave the mound unmarked, untended,

Where they sleep.

Then shall the morrows find us valiant,

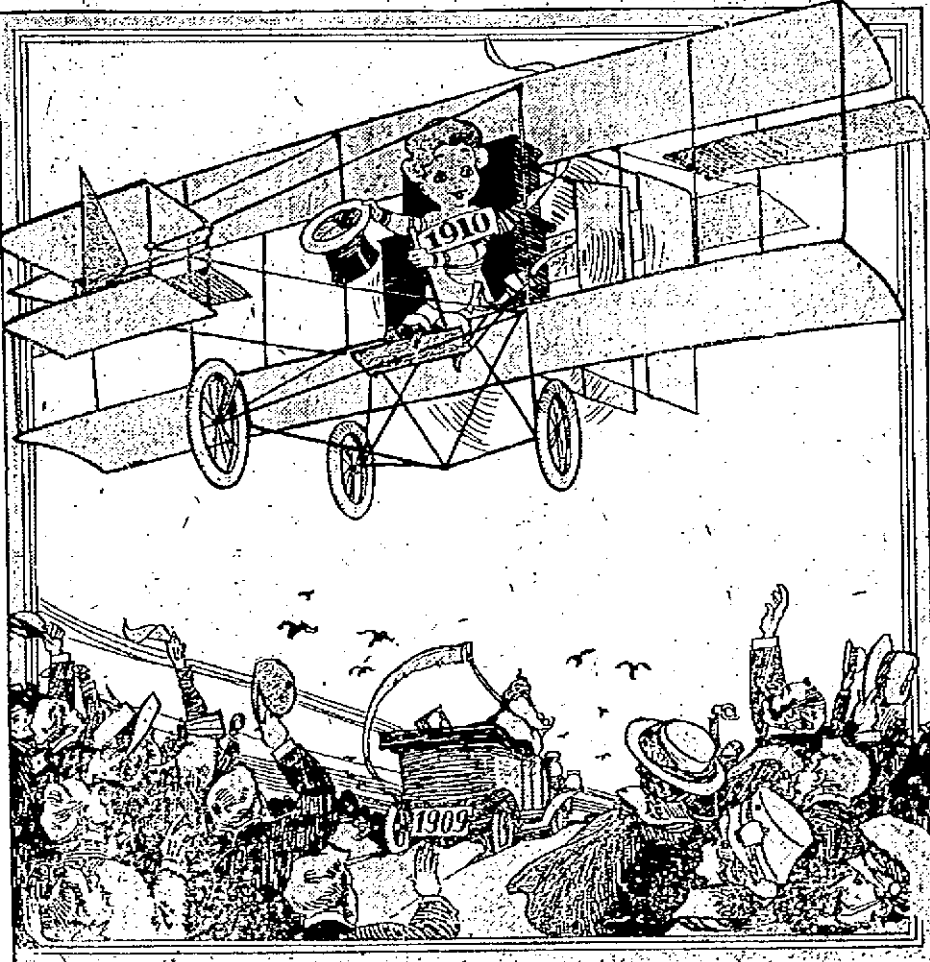
Scorning fear, Meeting thy glance with glance undaunted,

Glad New Year!

EDGAR E. WEBB.

TWELFTH NIGHT CAKE.

A Twelfth Night cake in England is as much a part of the holiday festivities as is the Christmas tree itself. On Twelfth Night various gayeries and revels are arranged, the cake being usually drawn in by the children on a decorated cart or borne aloft by the servants on a board trimmed with Christmas greens. A recipe for making the cake comes from England: Beat to a smooth cream two pounds of unsalted butter, then add two pounds of powdered sugar, a whole nutmeg grated and an ounce each of powdered cinnamon, ginger, mace and allspice. Beat this mixture ten minutes and add gradually twenty eggs, beating the cake after that for twenty minutes. Stir in, a little at a time, two pounds of flour, four pounds of currants, a half pound of bruised almonds and half a pound each of candied orange and lemon peel and citron, beating the cake lightly after each addition. Last of all add a clove-glass of brandy. Line a large cake tin with well buttered paper and fill it three-quarters full of the dough, which will leave room for the cake to rise. Cover the top with the buttered paper, and if the oven bakes fast at the bottom put a tin under the cake to keep it from burning. It should bake for four and a half hours in a slow but well heated oven.



OFF WITH THE OLD YEAR, ON WITH THE NEW!

"Have you outlined any speeches to be made this winter?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Longworth, "I'll pursue my same old program, down with the trusts, with variations."—Washington Star.

CASTORIA.

It's Kid You Ever Heard Before?

Seals the Signatures of

Chas. H. Fletcher

Parker—Hey, there? What do you mean by coming down the chimney? Are you a burglar?

Stranger—Oh, no, sir. I am the pilot of the alship that is sailing on your roof. I came down to see if you could spare us a little gasoline.

A woman is like an old painting: A work of art which should not be approached too closely.

"You said you were No. 1 in your class," said the angry father, "and now the teacher informs me you are at the foot of it."

"My number in my class," returned the vain youth, intent upon demonstrating the correctness of his claim, "depends entirely on the end from which you begin to count."—Chicago Post.

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THE JOLLIEST SHOW IN ALL AMERICA.

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THE most remarkable circus in the world is the one that is given every New Year's eve in the New York Produce Exchange. The rich members of the exchange, who during the rest of the year are busy trading on the floor of the big building, knock off business for the afternoon and give up the floor to a circus performance for the delight of the poor children who live in the lower section of the great city.

The Produce Exchange stands close to the lower end of the island, on which the older part of New York city is built. This is not a residential section, being the area in which the wonderful skyscraper sky line of the city appears to the view of people a-sail on the bay or the rivers. Yet many families inhabit the older and shabbier buildings in the vicinity. Most of these families are quite poor and the children numerous. Santa Claus frequently forgets to visit them, but the children have their Christmas tree provided by the Produce Exchange men. A huge tree trimmed with candles, lanterns and all the flury of Santa Claus Land is lighted up for the children, while hundreds of baskets of luxuries and necessities are distributed.

Rows of seats arranged in a circle, tier upon tier, accommodate the delighted little ones. In the center is a real circus, with tankard on the floor—same as Barnum's. Last New Year's



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Then he give a hearty chuckle an' says he: "Well, I'll be switched! Why, that takes me forty year back!" An' he give my hand a shake.

Till my arm from wrist to shoulder for a good hour felt the ache.

So we chatted for a little, an' at last he says to me:

"I'm a pretty lonesome fellow. Can't you come an' dine with me?" An' that evenin' I went over. (Susie's children had a 'hop,' an' them young folks made a bed-lam where I didn't care to stop.)

I'd a mighty pleasant evenin', an' I found out—well, it's strange how you can't size up a neighbor when you meet him just on 'change!

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Beats all how some folks can do such things an' keep their face tart.

What's the open hand at Christmas, though, without the open heart?

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An' to make things kind o' easy I worked off a little joke.

Why, he fairly keeled with laughin', an' he slaps me on the back,

An' before an hour was over we was callin' Seth an' Jack,

Settin' cheek by jowl an' tellin' 'bout the times when we was young,

The huskin's an' the quiltin's an' the old time songs we sung,

The coastin' an' the sleigh rides an' the dancin' in the barn,

An' at tellin' old time stories he could cap me, every yarn.

But before I left we made it up to meet tonight ag'in,

For we're bound to set the old year out an' see the New Year in.

Fair Amuseur—The curtain will rise in a few minutes. Are you quite sure you know your words?

Hero—Yes; all except the part where I kiss you. We'd better rehearse that again.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE.

By FRANK P. SWEET.

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ONE thing the old year's brought to us, an' that's a real good friend.

Who'd thought that Neighbor Gurley, now, could ever quite unbend!

Three years we've lived here side by side, the calendars aver,

An' not a word had we exchanged except "Good evenin', sir!"

Well, I met him Christmas mornin' as we came along the street.

I was just a-reachin' my door an' he his. We chanced to meet.

So I tried him with a smile. Says I: "Well, neighbor, howdy do!

Merry Christmas, an' I'm thinkin' I've got Christmas gift on you!"

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For we're bound to set the old year out an' see the New Year in.

Fair Amuseur—The curtain will rise in a few minutes. Are you quite sure you know your words?

Hero—Yes; all except the part where I kiss you. We'd better rehearse that again.

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